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RAILWAYS
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BASIC AMENITIES IN LOCAL & EMU TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are aware that the passengers experience great difficulties in the absence of toilet and other facilities in running local and EMU trains;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to make arrangements for toilets and provide other facilities in these trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) Considering short duration journeys by local/EMU trains and high frequency of these services, toilet facility is not provided in these trains to ensure their fast turn around without the need for filling water and cleaning etc. at terminals. The passengers can however, utilize the public conveniences available at platforms/stations.

(c) & (d) In view of the position explained above, Railways permit running trains without toilets for 160 Kms or 4 hours. No change is proposed in this policy. However other passenger amenities such as seats, lights, fans, grab rails/handle, light luggage rack etc. are provided in these trains.